



A GENERAL STATE

OF THE

WHITEHAVEN DISPENSARY,

For the Year 1791.

THE MEDICAL STATE of this CHARITY will unquestionably prove highly acceptable to the PUBLIC in general, and especially to those HUMANE PERSONS, who, influenced by Motives the most laudable, have generously promoted its INTERESTS, and variously diffused its BENEFITS.--The considerable Diminution in the List of Patients admitted this Year

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may be probably occasioned by that precautionary Attention which assiduously endeavours to mitigate the Urgency, and interrupt the Communication of CONTAGIOUS FEVER. In Situations confined and crowded, where this Disease chiefly raged in the Spring, it became, during the Summer, exceedingly powerful. The Cases were then so deplorably malignant, and numerous, as to excite the most alarming Apprehensions for the Safety of the Neighbourhood: Happily however, this Epidemic was, before the Approach of the Autumn, perfectly eradicated; not a single febrile Application of any Moment being made to the DISPENSARY, in the Months of *August, September, or October*; and only two, very trivial Ones, in *November and December*.

The contagious Diseases, which have since occurred, were chiefly accidentally introduced by Seamen from *Ireland, or Norway*; and, remarkably mild and governable, rarely extended their malignant Influence beyond the Dwellings first infected. To the Inhabitants of WHITEHAVEN, this Assurance must be peculiarly comfortable, several adjacent Towns having long and fatally experienced the distressful Effects of so pestilential a Calamity.*—In the Month of *January* a very singular ENDEMIC partially prevailed. Various Symptoms of nervous Disorder were connected with those of general Fever,

* A TABULAR STATEMENT of the NERVOUS FEVER CASES, with their Consequences, from the primary Institution of this Charity, will (as affording very useful Information) be subjoined to the SYSTEMATIC ARRANGEMENT of its Objects,

Fever, especially most acute, yet transient Pain in different Parts of the Head, and convulsive Motions of the Limbs, with a slight delirious Tendency. These Affections took Place on the first Attack, and continued during the Progress of Disease; which, though of uncertain Continuance, fortunately never admitted a fatal Termination. *Tonics*, during the Interval, and *Antispasmodics* in the Paroxysms, were indicated and employed.

The HOOPING COUGH, a specific Contagion, which mildly obtained in this Town and Country these Nine Years, has lately, in many Instances, assumed every Appearance of baneful Virulency: With the lower Class of People its Symptoms and Event were more benign, less tedious and destructive, than with the Children of the Opulent. EMETICS, and a frequent CHANGE of AIR, are the best Remedies of Experience: A transient Mutation in the State of the latter, especially of moist and warm to dry and cold Weather, being oft observed to sensibly relieve the most alarming Circumstances of Disease. Our Apprehensions, with Regard to the Prevalency and Danger of this Malady in the Winter, were perfectly removed by the Approach of a favourable Season; and it has not since potently recurred.

To this general State of our principal Epidemics, may be suitably annexed a few brief Intimations, relative to the deplorable Situation of the OBJECTS of this DISPENSARY, and the Affections to which they are singularly liable.

The acute Diseases of the Poor, are unavoidably numerous,

merous, and their chronic Infirmities frequently occur at an early Period of Life. Peculiarity of *Employment*, Improper *Food*, *Intemperance*, Inattention to *Cleanliness* and clear *Ventilation*; but especially incessant and extreme *Labour* during every Vicissitude in Weather or Season, expose them to the violent Attacks of various Disorders, from which those happily placed in a superior Station appear to be, in all Respects, totally exempt. With many, the natural Vigour and Energy of the System are so gradually impaired, and debilitated, as to finally render them obnoxious to the most distressful Maladies; or at least to have the Imbecillities of Old Age rapidly accelerated.—Young People, from incautious Exposure to the open Air, when heated by active Exercise, especially in cold Seasons, dangerously suffer very acute inflammatory Complaints; particularly of the Lungs and Extremities. Hence arises the Number of *pleuritic* and *rheumatic* Cases, with external *Inflammations* and *Eruptions*, which the remarkable Mutability in the State of the Weather, in this Climate, contributes to increase.—To this Cause, and that of disregarding the trivial Symptoms of slight catarrhal Irritation from Cold, (where no hereditary Disposition prevails) may be rationally imputed the frequent *consumptive Affections* which so peculiarly distinguish, and are justly stiled the OPPROBRIA MEDICORUM of this Kingdom; but which, by judicious Attention in its incipient inflammatory Stage, might have been probably anticipated, and effectually prevented.—The chief Diseases of those advanced in Life, manifest Consequences of general
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Langour and Relaxation, are painful Disorders of the Head and Stomach, paralytic Weaknesses, Asthmas, Ruptures, Dropfies, and chronic Rheumatisms: The most cogent Symptoms of which certainly admit a sensible Degree of Alleviation, but are rarely perfectly overcome.

The BENEFACTORS and annual CONTRIBUTORS to the Support of this philanthropic Endowment most assuredly merit, and will ever receive, our best Effusions of Esteem and Regard. Established, and promoted, by their disinterested MUNIFICENCE, it has many Years efficaciously conducted to the Relief of the numerous and complicated Infelicities which POVERTY and DISEASE have rendered exquisitely poignant. The Sensations and Reflections, arising from the Certainty of that Benefit which the Indigent derive from this Institution, must be inconceivably refined and satisfactory. Internal Diseases, soliciting the Aid of Medicine, or external Injuries frequently requiring the more manifestly useful Operations of Surgery, are its principal Subjects; and the several Appendages will, as coinciding with the general salutary Motive, become occasionally advantageous.

To that excellent Establishment, whose Views and Exertions are in the highest Degree laudable, we would wish to present those respectful Acknowledgments which a due Sense of our numerous Obligations necessarily excite. Amply, and repeatedly, furnished with requisite Information, judiciously adapted to the various Cases of *interrupted Respiration*, we have been, in
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this Northern County, solely enabled to fortunately effectuate a Recovery in several Instances, especially those of *James Sommerville*, Master *Harris*, Mr. *James Mc. Kie* and *William Lancaster* ; where the vital Functions were seemingly, in a great Measure totally suspended. A Recollection of the many truly deplorable unsuccessful Incidents, which have formerly occurred, will render this our *Plaudit of Gratitude* more approvable, and satisfactory. *Europe* and *America* have long held in well merited Estimation the celebrated REGISTER of this justly styled HUMANE SOCIETY ; to whom the ingenious and applicative are indebted for many accurate and valuable Investigations of a Subject of Inquiry not less novel than important : and with which the essential Concernments of the Community are intimately blended.—For if to alleviate, or remove, the painful Solicitudes of Disease, are Objects almost supremely eligible ; how much more so will those Endeavours be accounted, which efficaciously aim at the Restoration of Life, under Circumstances truly discouraging, where every Appearance of it has been perhaps long and manifestly extinguished ! Even in irrecoverable Cases Relatives and Friends must deduce no trivial Consolation from the Employment of each Mean of RESUSCITATION, by Modes the most proper, which the united Exertions of Genius, Application, and Experience in an enlightened Age, could cautiously intimate, and positively direct. The SHEETS and POCKET PLANS and INSTRUCTIONS (600) are now generally, and with trust, beneficially distributed in the Town and Country wherever

wherever it was apprehended Accidents, by Water, might probably occur.

From the APOTHECARY'S REGISTER, it appears that the Weakness of Infancy, and the Decay of Age, with the distressful Infirmities and Diseases to which these are necessarily, and all the intermediate Stages of Life frequently, liable, have, during a Series of nine revolving Years, fully obtained the curative or palliative Aids of MEDICINE and SURGERY. The SUBSCRIBERS and GOVERNORS, from the above primary Effects and secondary, salutary Tendency of this Establishment, will be best enabled to appreciate its Value, and determine its Utility. May they long, and happily, possess that BLESSING, which their meritorious LIBERALITY thus effectually, and variously, conveys to the *Sick* and *Needy*: And may the respectful GRATITUDE of the latter, with the Assurance of the inestimable BENEFITS deduced from this DISPENSARY, secure to it that humane and munificent Approbation and Patronage, which are highly requisite to the permanent Stability of so CHARITABLE an INSTITUTION!

An ACCOUNT of the PATIENTS admitted, from
June 13th, 1791, to June 11th, 1792.

Recommended and registered, (of whom 353 were attended in their respective Habitations)	- - - - -	1428
Midwifery Objects	- - - - -	102
Trivial Cases	- - - - -	1142
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Patients remaining upon the Books, June 13 th , 1791.	- - - - -	172
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Cured	- - - - -	1395
Relieved	- - - - -	42
Incurable	- - - - -	20
Dead	- - - - -	31
Remain upon the Books	- - - - -	112
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		Total

Total Number of PATIENTS, admitted since the
Institution of this CHARITY, *June 30, 1783.*

n 1783	. . .	2057	Cured . . .	14735
n 1784	. . .	2644	Relieved . . .	539
n 1785	. . .	3034	Incurable . . .	189
n 1786	. . .	2708	Irregular . . .	26
n 1787	. . .	2521	Dead . . .	497
n 1788	. . .	2129	Remain on the Books	112
n 1789	. . .	5996		
n 1790	. . .	3721		
n 1791	. . .	2672		
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The Number of Patients admitted (as by the
foregoing List) 27482

Registered Patients 16098
Midwifery Cases 728
Trivial Incidents 10656

Total 27482

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	£.	s.	d.		Brought over £.	29	16
A				Mr. Henry Fletcher	1	11	
Mr. Gerard Atkinson	0	5	0	Mr. Thomas Fisher	1	1	
B				Mr. R. Fletcher, mercer	1	1	
W. Brownrigg, M.D.F.R.S.				Mr. Robert Ferguson	0	10	
Oirmathwaite	2	2	0	Mr. Isaac Foster	0	10	
Anthony Benn, Esq. Hen-				Mr. H. Fletcher, Senhouse-st	0	10	
tingham	3	3	0	Mrs. Jane Fletcher	0	10	
Campbell Betham, M. D.	1	1	0	G			
Mr. John Barns	1	1	0	Mr Benjamin Gilliat	1	1	
Mr. John Beck	1	1	0	Mrs. Gibson	1	1	
Mr. Robert Blakeney	1	1	0	Mrs. Grayburn	0	10	
Mr. John Bateman	0	10	6	H			
Messrs. Barras & Birkhead	0	10	6	Rev. Wiltrid Hudleston	2	2	
Mr. Henry Bragg	0	10	6	John Hartley, Esq.	2	2	
Mr. Darcy Bowes	0	10	6	Thomas Hartley, Esq.	2	2	
Messrs. John & Isaac Braggo	0	10	6	Messrs. Hornby & Bell	2	2	
Mr. Henry Booth	0	10	6	John Hamilton, Esq.	2	2	
Mr. John Birkett	0	10	6	Rev. Peter How	1	1	
† Mrs. Richard Bowman	0	10	6	Mr. Joseph Harris, surgeon	1	1	
Mr. Robert Baldridge	0	5	0	Mr. T. Harrison, Church st	1	1	
Mr. William Brice	0	5	0	* Mr. T. Hutchinson, drug-			
Mr. Henry Bragg, Parton	0	5	0	gift	1	1	
C				Mr. William Harrison	0	10	
J. C. Curwen, Esq. Work-				Mr. James Hall	0	10	
ington Hall	5	5	0	Mr. John Hudleston	0	5	
Rev. C. C. Church	1	1	0	I			
Mr. Walter Chambré	1	1	0	E. L. Irton, Esq. Irton Hall	2	2	
Mr. James Corkhill	0	5	0	Thomas Irwin, Esq. Line-			
Mr. Robert Carter	0	5	0	thwaite	1	1	
Mr. John Clementson	0	5	0	Messrs. E. & J. Johnston	1	1	
D				Mr. Henry Jefferson	0	10	
John Dixon, Esq.	2	2	0	Messrs. J. & W. Johnston	0	5	
Mr. Peter Dixon	1	1	0	K			
Joshua Dixon, M. D.	1	1	0	Rev. James Kirkpatrick	1	1	
Mr. John Douglas	0	10	6	Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick	0	5	
Mr. John Dunn	0	5	0	L			
F				Wilfrid Lawton, Esq.	5	5	
Robert Fisher, Esq.	2	2	0	Henry Lutwidge, Esq.	2	2	
Carried forward £.				Carried forward £.			
	29	16	6		67	17	
					Brought		

Brought over £.67 17 0			
Henry Littledale, Esq.	2	2	0
Thomas Lutwidge, Esq.	1	1	0
*William Lewithwaite, Esq.	1	1	0
Mr. Richard Ledger	0	10	6
Mr. John Lancaster	0	10	6
Mr. John Litt, Bouthorn	0	10	6
Mrs. Langton	0	10	6

M

Mr. Edw. Moore, mercer	1	1	0
Rev. Timothy Martin	0	10	6
Mr. George Miller	0	10	6
Mr. John Mc. Bride	0	5	0

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Rev. Henry Nicholson	1	1	0
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Mr. Richard Oyes	1	1	0
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P

Mr. Samuel Potter	1	11	6
Mr. John Parker	1	1	0
Mr. Peter Peele, Dissington	1	1	0
Mr. Prest, druggist, York	1	1	0
Mr. Joseph Piper	0	10	6
Messrs. W. & E. Perry	0	10	6
Mr. John Perrie	0	5	0

R

Mr. George Raylon, druggist, Leeds	1	1	0
Mr. Christopher Robinson	0	10	6
Mr. John Rumney	0	10	6
Mr. William Rothery, Morresby	0	10	6
†Mr. Peter Reid	0	10	6
Mrs. Richmond	0	10	6
Mr. Ebenezer Reed	0	5	0
Mr. John Richardson	0	5	0

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J. T. Senhouse, Esq.	2	2	0
Rev. Thomas Stephenson	1	1	0
*A. J. Skelton, Esq.	1	1	0
Mr. Alexander Spittal	1	1	0

Carried forward £.94 1 0

Brought over £.94 1 0			
Mr. George Stalker, Millgrove	1	1	0
Mr. Robert Sanderfon	1	1	0
The Friendly Society at the Three Tuns	1	1	0
The Royal Union Society	1	1	0
†Mr. Andrew Spittal	1	1	0
†Messrs. Sutcliffes, druggists, York	1	1	0
Mr. Oswald Sumpton	0	10	6
Mifs Senhouse	0	10	6
Mr. John Sarjeant	0	5	0

T

Mrs. Taylor, Rayrigg	1	1	0
Mr. Ebenezer Tipping	0	5	0
Mrs. Telfer	0	5	0

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Mr. George Vickers	0	10	6
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Richard Wordsworth, Esq.	1	1	0
John Wordsworth, Esq.	1	1	0
Mr. John Wilson, mercer	1	1	0
Mr. Mark Wylie, druggist	1	1	0
Mrs. Wetherald Wigton	1	1	0
Mr. John Ware	1	1	0
Mrs. Wilson, Brigham	0	10	6
Messrs. Witherington and Brown	0	10	6
Mr. John Williamson, surgeon	0	10	6
Mr. William Wilson	0	10	6
Mr. John Walker	0	5	0
Rev. David Williamson	0	5	0
Mr. Jonathan Wills	0	5	0

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Mr. Peter How Younger	1	1	0
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Total Subscriptions	£113	18	6
In the Charity Box	1	1	0
Cash Lent	100	0	0

Carried forward £.214 19 6
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Brought over	£.214	19	6
Interest of do.	. . .	5	0
Do. of Surplus Cash	£.2	6	5
Loss by light Gold	. . .	2	3
Balance with the Treasurer last Year	. . .	60	15

Total	£.282	17	11
Disbursements	. . .	121	8
Balance	. . . .	£161	9

DISBURSEMENTS.

Drugs and Medicines	40	15	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Midwifery Expences	13	10	0

Carried forward £.54 5 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Brought over	£.54	5	1
Wine	. . . . .	3	4
Printing and Stationary	9	15	1
Rewards to Publicans and Assistants in two Cases of suspended animation	1	11	
Additional Instruments to the Humane Society's Apparatus	. . . . .	0	12
Coals, Candles, Herbs, Brandy for Tinctures, Attendance, Carriage of Drugs, Phials, Leather, and sundry small Articles	. . . . .	11	9
Apothecary's Salary and Gratuity	. . . . .	40	10

Total £.121 8

Those marked thus * are new Subscriptions ; and thus ‡ Augmentation

SUBSCRIPTIONS are taken in at the TREASURER's; at Mr. WARREN'S PRINTING OFFICE; and at the DISPENSARY.

Blank Letters of Recommendation may be had at the Dispensary.

OFFICER.

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PHYSICIAN.

Joshua Dixon, M. D.

SURGEON EXTRAORDINARY.

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SURGEON.

Mr. Joseph Harris.

APOTHECARY.

Mr. Joseph Gunson,

All Persons who are disposed to contribute by Will, to this Charity, are requested to do it in the following Manner :

“ I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. the sum of
 “ upon trust, that they do pay the same to the Treasurer of the WHITEHAVEN
 “ DISPENSARY; which sum of I desire may be applied
 “ towards carrying on the benevolent Designs of the said Charity.”

An Abstract from the principal Regulations.

The peculiar objects of this charity are the sick and lame poor, who can derive no benefit from any other similar institution. Domestic servants and apprentices must by no means become Dispensary patients.

The persons coming accurately under the above description are to be admitted by a letter of recommendation, signed by a subscriber, and addressed to the medical officers of the Dispensary. In case, however, of accidents, or very urgent affections, where delay may be attended with dangerous consequences, proper objects will receive assistance, upon application, without a letter of recommendation.

That proper objects, when affected with trivial diseases, receive the benefits of this charity without any recommendation.

That governors and qualified subscribers be entitled to recommend an unlimited number of patients, suffering epidemical diseases.

That the sick poor, residing in the country, are only to be recommended by the governors, and qualified subscribers, of their respective parishes.

A SYSTEMATIC ARRANGEMENT of the preceding DISEASES, with their respective EVENTS.

I. FEBRILE DISEASES.	Under 2 Years.	Between 2 & 5 Years.	P A T I E N T S											Cured.	Relieved.	Incurable.	Dead.	Remaining upon the Books.	Total.
			5 & 10	10 & 15	15 & 20	20 & 30	30 & 40	40 & 50	50 & 60	60 & 70	70 & 80	80 & 90	101						
Intermittent Fever	.	.	.	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	1	4
Inflammatory Fever	.	.	2	3	.	3	2	3	.	.	1	.	.	14	.	.	.	.	14
Nervous Fever	3	5	6	8	7	9	13	15	5	2	1	.	.	74	.	.	5	.	79
Worm Fever	4	3	5	8	15	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	88	.	.	1	27	116
External Inflammation	4	4	6	1	2	10	3	8	4	.	1	.	.	41	1	.	.	1	43
Gangrene	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1
Inflammation of Eyes	.	1	3	1	2	2	.	2	1	2	.	.	.	12	.	.	.	2	14
Inflammatory Sore Throat	.	.	3	1	3	3	6	2	1	1	.	.	.	20	.	.	.	.	20
Putrid Sore Throat	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2
Croup	.	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	3	.	4
Inflammation of the Lungs	.	7	1	.	.	7	4	1	1	.	.	.	.	19	.	.	1	2	22
Acute Rheumatism	.	.	.	1	1	9	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	20	.	.	.	.	20
Chronic Rheumatism	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	5	4	4	.	.	.	12	2	.	.	2	16
Inflammatory Eruptions	2	5	3	5	4	3	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	22	.	.	.	3	25
Erysipelas	.	.	.	.	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	3	4
Hæmorrhages	.	.	.	.	1	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	4	.	.	1	.	5
Consumption	.	.	.	.	1	4	3	4	1	.	.	.	.	5	1	3	4	1	14
Fluor Albus	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	1	4
Abortion	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	2
After Pains	.	.	.	.	1	21	21	1	.	.	.	.	.	43	.	.	.	1	44
Catarrh	.	.	.	.	1	1	4	5	4	.	.	.	.	15	.	.	.	.	15
Catarrh of Old Age	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	4
Dysentery	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	4
II. NERVOUS DISEASES.																			
Head Ach	.	.	.	.	1	2	1	3	.	1	.	.	.	8	.	.	.	.	8
Palsy	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	2	2	.	1	.	2	3	1	.	1	7
Indigestion	.	.	1	4	8	31	13	16	15	21	4	2	.	99	3	.	.	13	115
Flatulency	26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	.	.	.	1	26
Convulsions	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	2
Asthma	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	5	1	7	1	.	6	4	1	3	4	18
Hooping Cough	10	18	5	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31	.	.	.	4	35
Colic	.	.	.	.	2	3	9	8	7	11	1	.	.	41	.	.	1	.	42
Diarrhæa	7	6	3	.	1	2	2	4	3	2	.	.	.	27	1	.	.	2	30
Hysteria	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	1	4
Melancholy	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
III. DISEASES of the HABIT.																			
Chronic Weakness	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	1	1	.	4	2	2	.	8
Dropfy	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	3
Hydrocephalus	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
Hydrocele	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	3	5
Scrophula	.	.	2	3	4	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	3	4	2	.	4	13
Lues Venerea	.	.	.	.	.	4	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	2	7
Jaundice	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	2
IV. LOCAL DISEASES.																			
Gravel	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	4
Cancer	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	2
Rupture	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
Scorbutic Eruptions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	292
Scald Head	9	25	59	56	32	40	31	26	12	2	.	.	.	267	.	1	.	1	3
Wounds	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	92	.	.	.	.	92
Contusions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	51	.	.	.	.	51
Luxations	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1
Ulcers	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	2	1	.	4	20
Fractions	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11	.	.	.	.	11
Sprains	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	82	.	.	.	1	83
Burns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46	.	.	.	2	48
Abcesses	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17	.	.	.	.	17
Total.														1238	35	15	28	112	1428

A TABULAR STATEMENT of the CONTINUED FEVER CASES, from JUNE 30, 1783, to JUNE 11, 1792.

	Under 2 Years.		Between 2 & 5 Years.		5 & 10	10 & 15	15 & 20	20 & 30	30 & 40	40 & 50	50 & 60	60 & 70	70 & 80	Cured.	Dead.	Total.
	C.	D.	C.	D.												
1783	5	0	10	0	9	4	6	18	10	1	4	0	3	75	1	76
1784	20	0	42	0	64	1	47	34	49	1	60	3	19	401	9	410
1785	8	0	42	0	71	0	48	1	21	2	48	1	40	350	20	370
1786	0	0	3	0	6	1	10	1	7	1	16	1	18	91	6	97
1787	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	6	0	1	21	1	22
1788	0	0	4	0	8	0	6	0	7	0	10	1	6	53	7	60
1789	0	0	10	0	13	0	18	0	8	1	19	1	15	103	2	105
1790	2	0	19	0	42	1	50	0	40	2	39	7	48	288	21	309
1791	3	0	5	0	6	0	8	0	7	0	9	1	13	74	5	79
Total.	38	0	135	0	219	3	192	2	132	6	214	13	211	1456	72	1528



